(*iv*) *Scarcity of Drinking Water in some Villages of Gulbarga District.*

SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR (Chitapur).— I call the attention of the Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj to the grave situation that has arisen in some villages of Gulbaraga District due to scarcity of drinking water.

SRI K. PRABHAKAR (Minister for Rural Development and Panchayat Raj) :—I wish to state as follows : There are 1601 villages including hamlets in Gulbarga District. The Public Health Engineering Department has identified 698 villages as scarcity affected from drinking water point of view under seven priorities. Drinking water facility has been provided to 313 villages through borewells as on 28th February 1978. In addition to the above, 277 villages other than those identified under Minimum needs programme have also been covered under Bore Wells Programme. 898 Bore Wells have been sunk of which 667 are found to be successful. Hand pumps and power pumps have been fitted to 616 bore wells and 20 bore wells respectively.

Apart from the Bore Wells, Piped Water Supply Schemes have been sanctioned to 205 villages under the N.R.W.S. and S. Programme. so far, 147 Schemes have been commissioned and the remaining 58 Schemes are under various stages of progress. The remaining villages identified under minimum Needs Programme are expected to be covered under Bore Wells Programme during the next year *i.e.*, 1978–79. As per the report of the Deputy Commissioner, Gulbarga there are 404 successful Bore wells which required minor and major repairs. The Deputy Commissioner, Gulbarga, has requested the Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering Division, Gulbarga to send the Mechanics to each Taluk Development Board and to supply spare parts required to put back the idle borewells into effective operation. The Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering Division, Gulbarga is stated to have agreed to complete this work within a week. It is also stated that repairs to all the borewells which have gone out of order have been taken up by the Block Development Officers on war-footing basis and that the District Authorities are trying their best to see that the position of drinking water cases in the District considerably.

The Deputy Commissioner, Gulbarga, has further stated that 36 water supply schemes taken up under N.R.W.S. & S. Scheme are in an idle condition due to non-payment of power charges in some cases and repairs to pump machinery etc., in other cases. A sum of Rs. 28,300

has been made available under 10% L.R. grant and the balance amount of Rs. 1,82,000 is stated to be still required for re-commissioning the idle water supply schemes. It is stated that the balance amount of Rs. 1.82,000 will have to be met out of the grants under "289 Famine Relief". Further, a sum of Rs 63,000 has been placed at the disposal of the Block Development Officers under "289 Famine Relief" for being utilised on deepening and repairs to the drinking water wells and for lifting water from the Community Irrigation Wells through Diesel pumps.

Thus, it is to be stated that Government is making every effort to ease the water supply position in Gulbarga District.

SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR.—Sir, since a detailed discussion was held in this House on this issue, I will limit my clarifications to Gulbarga District only. Even though the Government is spending lot of money towards water supply, it is not being properly utilised. The scarcity of water is not because that there is no water. In several villages, water is available, but the officials are not properly harnessing that water from wells by deepening or by putting bore-wells. In Ganjalkhed village, the harijan well had to be deepened. Since the department did not take proper action, the people themselves contributed and deepened that well. There are many such instances in several villages in Gulbarga District. There are irrigation wells where ample water is available, but it is not being utilised properly. The officers are not taking proper steps.

MR. SPEAKER.— The hon. member should seek only one or two clarifications.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಪ್ರಭಾಕರ ತೇಲ್ಕರ್.—ಡೆಪ್ಯುಟಿ ಕಮಿಷನರ್ ರವರ ಆಫೀಸಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಬಿ. ಡಿ. ಓ. ಡಿಸ್ಟ್ರಿಕ್ಟ್ ಡೆವಲಪ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಆಫಿಸ್ಟ್‌ಂಟ್, ನಾವು ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಸೇರಿ ಒಂದು ಡಿಸಿಷನ್ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಏನು ಡಿಸಿಷನ್ ಆಯಿತು ಎಂದರೆ ಇನ್ನು ೮ ದಿವಸದಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಟರ್ ಸಪ್ಲೈ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯವನ್ನು ನಾವು ಅಲ್ಲಿನ ಜನಗಳಿಗೆ ಒದಗಿಸಿ ಕೊಡುತ್ತೇವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರು. ಅನಂತರ ೨೪-೨೫ನೇ ತಾರೀಖು ಮಾರ್ಚಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಾನು ಹಳ್ಳಿಗಳ ಕಡೆ ಹೋಗಿ ನೀರನ್ನು ಒದಗಿಸಲು ಏನಾದರೂ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೇ ? ಎಂದು ಅಲ್ಲಿನ ಜನಗಳನ್ನು ಕೇಳಿದ್ದಕ್ಕೆ, ಇದುವರೆಗೂ ಯಾರೂ ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ, ನಮಗೆ ನೀರಿಗೆ ಬಹಳ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಜನ ಹೇಳಿದರು. ಆದರೆ ತಾವು ಈಗ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿರುವ ಉತ್ತರ ಸರಿಯಲ್ಲ. ನಾನು ಹೇಳಿರುವ ಕಡೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಆದಷ್ಟು ಬೇಗ ನೀರಿನ ಸೌಕರ್ಯವನ್ನು ಒದಗಿಸಿಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಕೇಳಿಕೆ ತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಪ್ರಭಾಕರ್.—ಈಗ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ತಿಳಿಸಿದ ವಿಷಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲವು ಕಡೆ ನ್ಯೂನತೆಗಳಿವೆ ಎಂಬುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಖಚಿತವಾಗಿ ಗೊತ್ತಾಗಿದೆ. ಅಲ್ಲದೆ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳೂ ಕೂಡ ಬಹಳ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನ ಪಟ್ಟು ಕೆಲಸಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಎಂಬುದೂ ಕೂಡ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ನಂಬಿಕೆಯಾಗಿದೆ. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ಯಾರಾದರೂ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಕರ್ತವ್ಯ ಲೋಪ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದರೆ ಅದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇವೆ. ನಾಲ್ಕಾರು ಜನ ಒಟ್ಟಿಗೇ ಕೆಲಸಮಾಡುವಾಗ ಯಾರು ಕರ್ತವ್ಯಲೋಪ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆಂದು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಕೇಳುವಷ್ಟು ಸುಲಭವಾಗಿ ನಾವು ಹೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಅದನ್ನು ನಾವು ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ

ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ; ಒಟ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರಿಗೆ ಇಷ್ಟುಮಾತ್ರ ಹೇಳಬಯಸುತ್ತೇನೆ. ನಿರ್ದಿಷ್ಟವಾಗಿ ಇಂಥಿಂಥ ಸ್ಥಳಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ನೀರಿಗೆ ತೊಂದರೆ ಇದೆ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸಿದರೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಕೂಡಲೇ ಅದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತದೆಂದು ಇಷ್ಟು ಆಶ್ವಾಸನೆ ನೀಡಬಯಸುತ್ತೇನೆ;

ಶ್ರೀ ಪ್ರಭಾಕರ್ ತೇಲ್ಕರ್.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಚಿವರು ನಾನು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದನ್ನು ತಪ್ಪು ತಿಳಿದುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದಾರೆಂದು ಕಾಣುತ್ತದೆ. ನಾನು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದು ಬಿ.ಡಿ.ಒ. ಮತ್ತು ಡಿಸ್ಟ್ರಿಕ್ಟ್ ಡೆವಲಪ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಯಾವ ಯಾವ ಹಳ್ಳಿಗಳಿಗೆ ನೀರನ್ನು ಒದಗಿಸಿಕೊಡುತ್ತೇವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದರೋ ಅದನ್ನು ಅವರು ಮಾಡಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಪ್ರಭಾಕರ್.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ತಾವು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಿರುವ ವಿಚಾರ ಏನು ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ಬರವಣಿಗೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟರೆ ಅದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಕೂಡಲೇ ನಾವು ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅನುಕೂಲವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ, ಮತ್ತು ಜನಗಳಿಗೂ ಕೂಡ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗದಂತೆ ನೋಡಿಕೊಂಡಂತಾಗುತ್ತದೆಂದು ಹೇಳಬಯಸುತ್ತೇನೆ.

10-30 A.M.

## Matter under Rule 312

*re* :—Failure of the school authorities in remitting the examination fee to the S.S.C, Examination Board, at Chitradurga.

SRI B. V. KAKKILAYA (VITTAL).—I have raised a matter under rule 312 regarding the failure of the school authority in remitting the examination fee to the Secondary Examination Board–an incident pertaining to Junior College, Chitradurga.

SRI B. SUBBIAH SHETTY (Minister for Education).—Mr. Speaker Sir, hon'ble member Sri Kakkilaya has raised this matter. One Sri Ramesh who studying in Junior College, Chitradurga had not received a hall ticket for SSLC examination. He went to the DDPI Chitradurga and represented that he had remitted the fees and the application in time but he had not received the hall ticket. The DDPI Chitradurga visited the Junior College and made certain inquiries. The last date for receipt of applications was 8-12-77 and it is also on record of the office of the principal that the student had remitted the amount on 8-12-1977 itself. The principal had entrusted the work of collection of fees and forwardal of applications to two teachers. One teacher has said that the application had been given but it was misplaced. Subsequently it was found that there was excess of Rs. 25 in the collection of amount. Then the office credited the amount in respect of another candidate by name Sri Ganesh and forwarded this application to the Board. The student Ganesh actually belonged to gollar community who is exempted from the payment of examination fees. This excess amount was there. The student Ramesh had paid his fees and application in time. Now since the Principal has been transferred from that college, action is being taken to consider the admission of the boy to the examination